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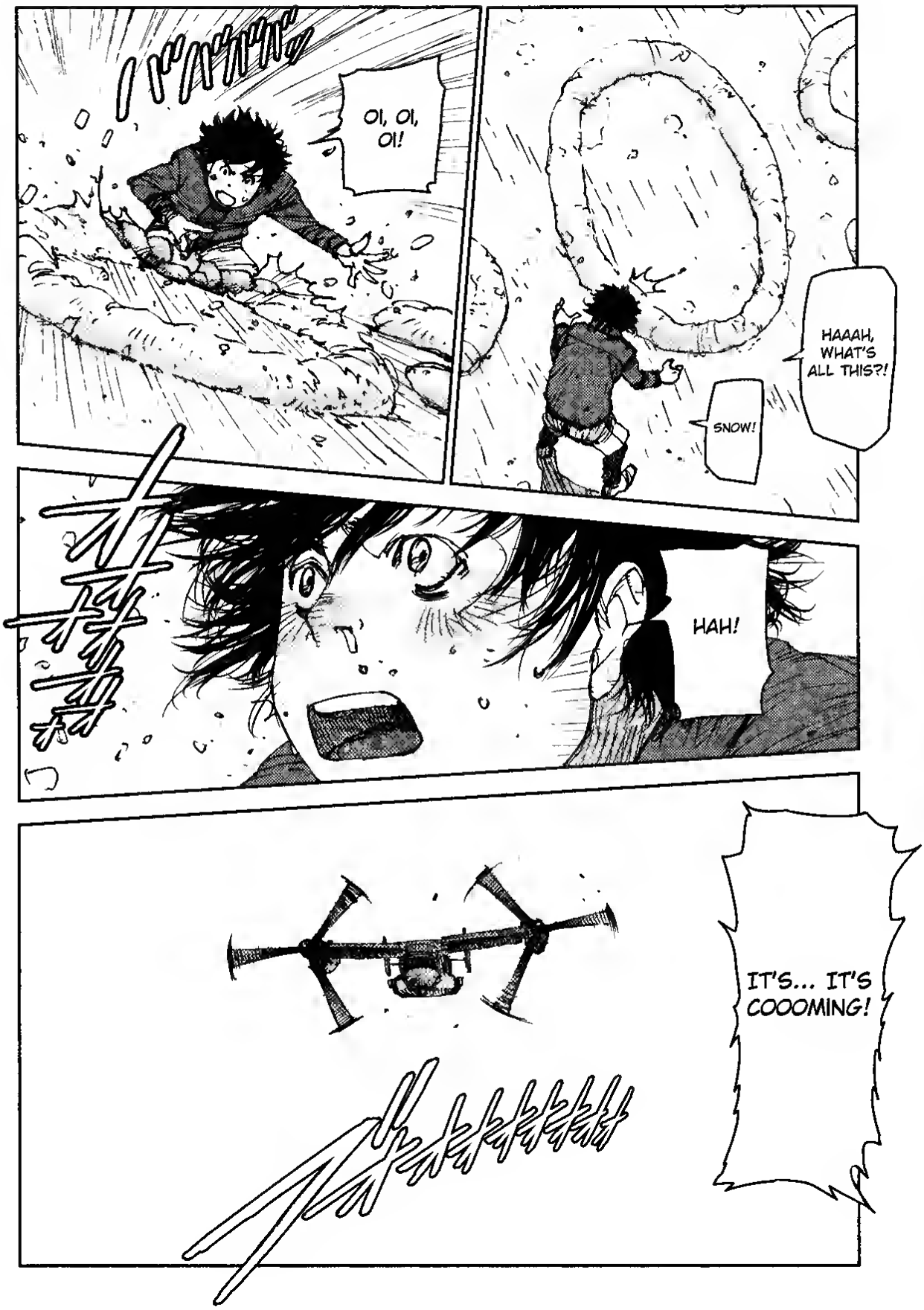
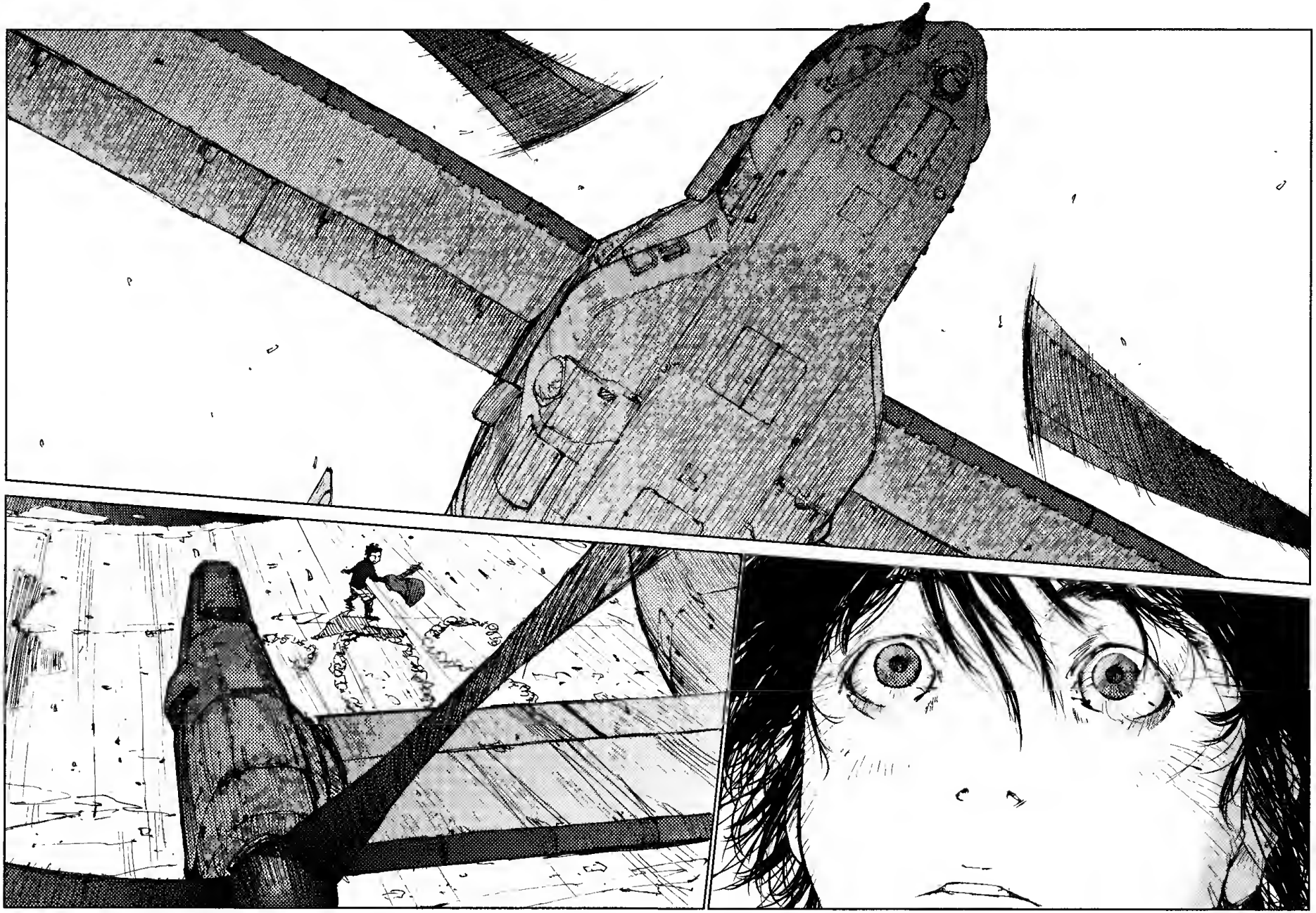
ARGH!
GOTTA HURRY!
HAAH.
HAAH
HOLD UP!
HAAH
HAAH


OI, OI, OI!
HAAAH, WHAT'S ALL THIS?!
SNOW!
HAH!
IT'S... IT'S COOOMING!

A HUMAN! A HUMAN'S HEEERE! HEY, HEY, HEY, COME OOON! LOOK, LOOK, A HUMAN! THERE'S A HUMAN!
HELLOOO, HELLOOO, HELLOOO, HELLOOO!
THERE'S SOMEONE HEEERE! SOMEONE'S HEEERE! THERE'S SOMEONE HEEERE!



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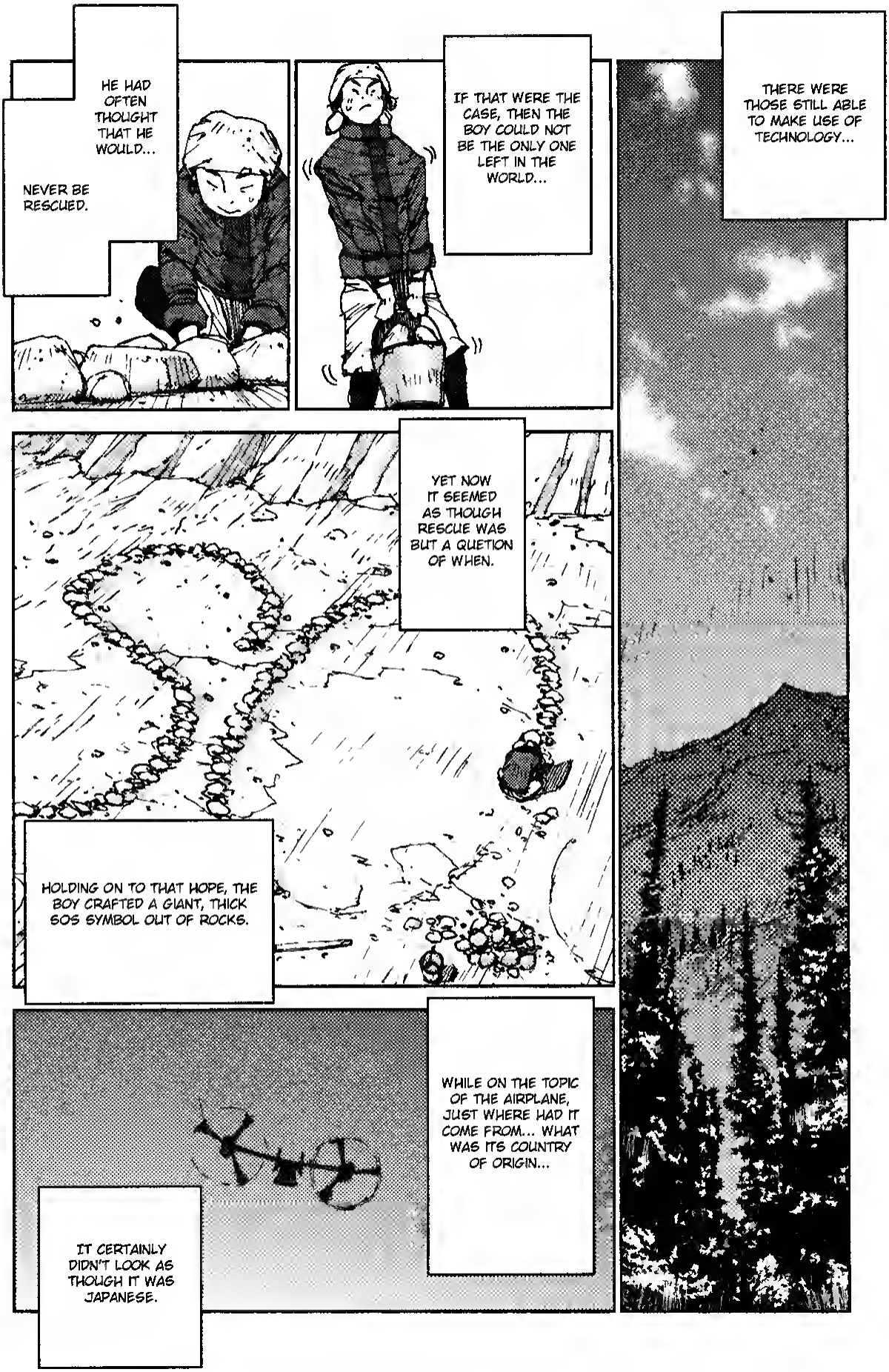
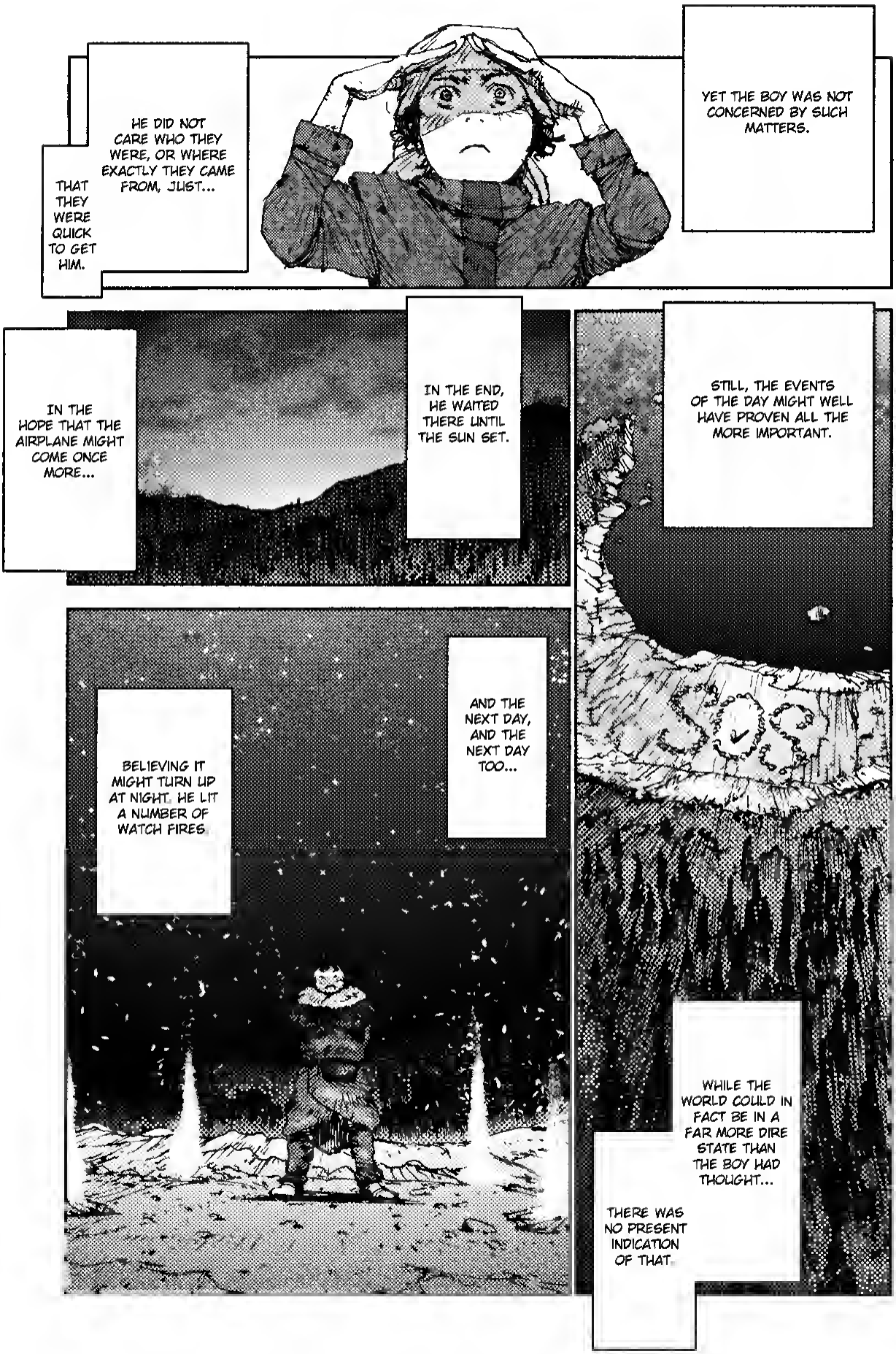
HAAH?!
IT…
IT LEFT…

I DON'T UNDER-STAND...?
I'M SURE IT NOTICED ME, COULD THEY JUST NOT LAND THE PLANE...?
THERE ARE OTHERS BESIDES ME...
THERE MUST BE SOMEONE THERE TO FLY THE PLANE.
BUT...
BUT...
NO WAY...
WITH THIS INCIDENT... THE BOY FOUND HIMSELF FILLED WITH THE MOST HOPE SINCE HE HAD BEGUN HIS SOLITARY LIFE.
THAT DAY MARKED THE FIRST POINT AT WHICH THE BOY COULD CONFIRM THE EXISTENCE OF OTHERS.
HE HAD SEEN CIVILISATION.
YEAH, WOULD HAVE TO HAVE BEEN SOME GROUP LIKE THAT...
IT'LL HAVE BEEN A GOVERNMENT PLANE, OR A CORP-ORATION'S


HE HAD OFTEN THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD...
NEVER BE RESCUED.
IF THAT WERE THE CASE, THEN THE BOY COULD NOT BE THE ONLY ONE LEFT IN THE WORLD...
THERE WERE THOSE STILL ABLE TO MAKE USE OF TECHNOLOGY...
YET NOW IT SEEMED AS THOUGH RESCUE WAS BUT A QUETION OF WHEN.
HOLDING ON TO THAT HOPE, THE BOY CRAFTED A GIANT, THICK SOS SYMBOL OUT OF ROCKS.
WHILE ON THE TOPIC OF THE AIRPLANE, JUST WHERE HAD IT COME FROM... WHAT WAS ITS COUNTRY OF ORIGIN...
IT CERTAINLY DIDN'T LOOK AS THOUGH IT WAS JAPANESE.


YET THE BOY WAS NOT CONCERNED BY SUCH MATTERS.
HE DID NOT CARE WHO THEY WERE, OR WHERE EXACTLY THEY CAME FROM, JUST...
THAT THEY WERE QUICK TO GET HIM.
IN THE END, HE WAITED THERE UNTIL THE SUN SET.
IN THE HOPE THAT THE AIRPLANE MIGHT COME ONCE MORE...
STILL, THE EVENTS OF THE DAY MIGHT WELL HAVE PROVEN ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT.
AND THE NEXT DAY, AND THE NEXT DAY TOO...
BELIEVING IT MIGHT TURN UP AT NIGHT, HE LIT A NUMBER OF WATCH FIRES.
WHILE THE WORLD COULD IN FACT BE IN A FAR MORE DIRE STATE THAN THE BOY HAD THOUGHT...
THERE WAS NO PRESENT INDICATION OF THAT.

A WEEK PASSED BY, AND THE AIRCRAFT NEVER REAPPEARED...
HAAH... FOR REAL.
HOW THE HELL COULDN'T THEY HAVE?!
THE BLOODY IDIOT MUST'VE SEEN ME!
DAMN IT. THIS IS TAKING THE PISS!
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IT WOULD'VE NOTICED ME!
DON'T TRY AND FUCK AROUND WITH MEEE!
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GEEZ, THE PLANE WAS FLYING SO LOW.

I JUST NEED TO HOLD OUT TILL THEN!
I CAN'T GIVE UP!
...
THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE OTHER THAN ME!
EVEN SO, I GUESS IT SHOULD BE TRUE THEN...
NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT!
I'M BOUND TO BE RESCUED SOMEDAY!